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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Wilson Livingood

Sergeant at Arms

FROM:

Steven A. McNamara

Inspector General

DATE:

June 22, 2004

SUBJECT:

Audit Report - Changes To House Garages And Parking Security Procedures

Resulted In Significant Improvements (Report No. 04-SAA-01)

This is our final report on the revised policies and procedures implemented by House Parking and Security. The objective of this audit was to determine whether the changes to parking procedures improved the accuracy of the vehicle information maintained and the physical security of the House garages, parking lots, and streets surrounding the House Complex. In this report, we found significant improvement in parking security, the accuracy of the parking database, and parking violation enforcement procedures. We made several additional recommendations to assure all vehicles in House parking facilities display appropriate parking authorization, and to increase the level of compliance with parking policies.

In response to our March 30, 2004 draft report, your office concurred with our finding and recommendations. The May 14, 2004 management response is incorporated in this final report and included in its entirety as an appendix. The corrective actions taken and planned by your office are appropriate and, when fully implemented, should adequately respond to the recommendations. Further, the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) should establish milestone dates for the implementation of the recommendations. This report, which includes a discussion of overall issues and recommendations, is confidential and should not be released to anyone other than SAA management, except by approval of the House Office of Inspector General.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by your staff. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this report, please call me or James Cornell at (202) 226-1250.

cc:

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